

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
U.S. Application No.: 09/482,896

Atty. Docket No.: Q56529

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 21 and 100 - 114 were previously pending. Claims 115 – 117 are herein added. Accordingly, claims 1 – 21 and 100 – 117 are presently pending.

Applicant herein amends independent claims 1, 8 and 15 and introduces new claims 115 – 117. The Examiner is directed to Applicant's specification at page 60, lines 1 – 19, for example, for support that no new matter is being introduced.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claims 1 – 21, 100 – 107, 109, 110, 112, and 113 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as allegedly being anticipated by EP 0 766 202 ("Ito"). For the following reasons this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 8 and 15 each recite that "different parameters are defined in accordance with different picture element densities of the original image signal." At least because these features are absent from the Ito reference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 108, 111 and 114 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of a combination of Ito and US 5,694,447 ("Ito '447"). For the following reasons this rejection is respectfully traversed.

As noted above in Part I, above, the Ito reference is deficient. Because Ito is deficient and Ito '447 fails to cure the noted deficiencies, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

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III. New Claims 115 - 117

New claims 115 – 117 each recite that the parameters recited in the claims are defined for different picture element densities of the original image signal so that substantially constant frequency response characteristics of the processed image signal are obtained. Because the prior art at least fails to teach or suggest these features, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass these claims to issue.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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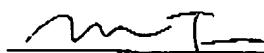
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